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**Subject:** RE: Congressional Oxitec Letter: AL-21-000-1965

Thanks Eric,

I 'm hopeful that this letter will be easier than the previous one since we have more approved language to pull from. Friday will also work.

Best,

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Maya,

Thanks, we will see what we can do about EOD tomorrow. I can't look at this before tomorrow, but we will try.

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Hi Eric,

We've just received another congressional letter about Oxitec's EUP. Our previous congressional letter response (originally from Congresswoman Murcarsel-Powell) was sent to Congressman Gimenez who took Murcarsel-Powell's place as the U.S. Representative for Florida's 26th congressional district. Congressman Gimenez sent us a follow-up letter on Feb. 17 with three main requests:

- Show that no genetically modified female mosquitos will be released under this EUP;
- Explain what, if any, adverse impact these mosquitoes might have on the ecosystem throughout the Florida Keys, and specifically threatened or endangered species; and

- Explain what adverse impact this might have on the food chain through ingestion by local popular consumable marine life.

Using language from previous responses, I've written a first draft. **Can your team fill in any information gaps and review by EOD tomorrow?** The deadline for this letter is March 9.

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Thanks in advance,

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